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SUBJECT: SAWITO CONSPIRACY TRIAL SLOWS DOWN

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1. SESSIONS OF THE TRIAL OF SAWITO KARTOWIBOWO FOR CONSPIR-
ING TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAVE BEEN HELD INFREQUENTLY
DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, AND THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED HAS
BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS THAN SENSATIONAL. RECENT WITNESSES HAVE
CONFINED THEMSELVES TO CONFIRMING THAT SAWITO HAD SEVERAL
MEETINGS WITH FORMER VICE PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD HATTA AND SENIOR
RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO SIGNED SAWITO'S ANTI-SUHARTO DOCUMENT.
DEFENSE COUNSEL YAP THIAM HIEN HAS FREQUENTLY PROTESTED THE
COURT'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW WITNESSES TO ANSWER SOME OF HIS
POLITICALLY LEADING QUESTIONS.

2. ANOTHER SUCH SESSION TOOK PLACE FEBRUARY 27. IT HAD BEEN
HOPED THAT MAJOR GENERAL ISHAK DJUARSA WOULD TESTIFY, BUT
FOR THE SECOND TIME HE FAILED TO APPEAR, EVEN THOUGH THE
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COURT HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE AUTHORITIES HOLD-
ING HIM IN DETENTION BECAUSE OF HIS SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT
IN SAWITO'S PLOT. COUNSEL YAP REQUESTED THAT SAWITO BE
ALLOWED TO REMAIN AT HIS HOME SINCE THE TRIAL WAS TAKING
SO LONG, BUT THE COURT DENIED THE REQUEST AND RECESSED THE
TRIAL UNTIL MARCH 27 (AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION).
SAWITO ALSO ASKED TO BE ALLOWED TO READ NEWSPAPERS OR LIS-

TEN TO THE RADIO, BUT THIS REQUEST WAS IGNORED. THE TRIAL
CONTINUES TO ENJOY WIDE COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

3. COMMENT: PACE OF TRIAL IN RECENT WEEKS HAS SEEMED DE-
SIGNIFIED TO AVOID ANY DRAMATIC ANTI-SUHARTO TESTIMONY UNTIL
PRESIDENT CAN BE SAFELY RE-ELECTED MARCH 22, AND THIS MAY
ACCOUNT FOR DJUARSA'S "UNAVAILABILITY".
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